

PRIZED OLD RIFLE

Weapon Long Preserved as Heirloom in Family.

Belonged to John Ferril, Who Used It With Effect in Indian Wars of Kentucky—Passive During Civil War.

There is a story of the American rifle that has been handed down in the heartland history and traditions of those who for generations have lived in the West. It begins with the colonial times, thence into Kentucky, to Missouri in the days of Upper Louisiana, thence to the great prairies of the far West and on to California. The family rifle was dear and sacred. John and Margaret Ferril and their family were with a party of pioneers from the Greenbrier region who migrated to Kentucky in the early days. Owing to the hostilities of the Indians, they were armed and under the command of Capt. Jacob Baughman, a brother of Margaret Ferril.

They "packed" on horses over the Alleghany mountains and when in camp at or near Crab Orchard, Ky., were attacked in the night by Indians. In the fight that ensued Capt. Baughman, John Ferril and others were killed, but the men held back the Indians long enough to enable some of the women and children to escape. Among the number thus saved were Margaret Ferril, a son, John Ferril, and two daughters; and also Mrs. Jacob Baughman, a son Henry of tender age, and two daughters.

The Baughman-Ferril fight, or massacre, occurred in the fall of 1779. John Ferril, then fourteen years old, who had escaped, swore an oath of revenge on his rifle. He kept that vow, and his rifle became a bloody one in the Indian wars of Kentucky.

In the Boone Lick region of Missouri, now Howard county, in 1812, were built several forts for protection against Indians, especially the Sacs and Foxes and the Pottawatomies. John Ferril and family were in one of them, known as Fort Cooper. He here still possessed his old Kentucky rifle. After the war of 1812, in addition to farming, he often engaged in hunting expeditions up the Missouri and Kansas rivers, and sometimes far out on the great prairies.

Over a century ago he hunted bear and other game on what is now the site of Kansas City. He and other frontiersmen then predicted that a great city would be founded on the confluence of the Missouri and Kansas rivers.

The old rifle of John Ferril has been preserved. During the Civil war, when the authorities were collecting all the guns in Saline county, Missouri, they seized the old Ferril rifle. Keziah Ferril, then about ninety years old, cried and begged that it be not taken. Her sons and grandsons were wearing the blue and gray and a compromise was effected. It was agreed that this old rifle should be hid away, and thus the old Ferril rifle became a noncombatant in the Civil war. It later passed to the possession of Jesse Ferril, county judge, son of Henry Ferril, who founded Miami, Mo. On the death of Judge Jesse Ferril the rifle was passed on as an heirloom to his brother, John Ferril, who had been a soldier from Saline county with Doniphan's Missourians in the Mexican war. John Ferril died some months ago at his home in Exeter, Cal.

As Good as a Youth.

Workmen at a mill in Greenacres are telling a good story regarding one of the workmen. It has been a rule of the company not to employ men over a certain age.

A few days ago a man living within a stone's throw of the mill solicited work, but was turned down because of his gray whiskers and his snow-white hair. The "old" man was not daunted. He felt he was still good for many days of work, so he went to a drug store, bought a bottle of black hair dye and soon had his whiskers and hair black. He again asked for work of the same foreman and was accepted at once. He was put to work and made good from the start. Then he was worried because his white hair was growing, as also were his equally white whiskers. He again bought a second bottle of dye and used it to hide his identity.

The "old" man is still working his eight hours a day and one official of the company stated he had done such a good job he did not have to buy another bottle of dye, but could hold his job, even with his white hair and whiskers.—Indianapolis News.

Pent Up Emotions.

"I don't suppose you bear any ill will toward your officers?" "No," replied the discharged mule skinner. "But there's a mule somewhere in France that I'd like to give a piece of my mind to now that I'm out of the service. I wasn't allowed to swear at the brute when I was in the army."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Literary Note.

Longfellow had just written "Excelsior." "If I want to wait," he mused, "I might get a big price for this as breakfast-food poetry."

Hearing a sigh, he mailed the manuscript to his publishers.

That's the Question.

"I bought one of those fountain pens I was telling you about today. The price has come down." "But will the ink come down?"—Boston Transcript.

Learn to Talk.

All very well, to quote the old saying about speech being silver, but silence golden. Learn to talk, if you want to get on in the world. There are some folk who talk too much, it's true; but they are better than those who are mute and wrapped up in themselves. A wall of reserve isn't at all a pleasant thing to come up against.

Optimistic Thought.

When sovereignty is divided it is very easily destroyed.

PECULIAR TEST FOR GUILT

Most of Us Would Rather Take Chances With Even a Jury That Is Prejudiced.

When judges or arbitrators in Tibet cannot come to a decision as to the guilt or innocence of a wrongdoer, they first assure themselves that the prisoner believes in "karma"—that he must inevitably suffer the consequences of his oath—and then they permit him to undergo an ordeal. Murderers and thieves are allowed to take the ordeal.

In the presence of the judge, the prosecuting attorney, the witnesses and other spectators, the prisoner invokes the gods and the demi-gods to bear witness to the truth of his statement of innocence. A copper or iron bowl filled with boiling oil is placed before him.

In this bowl are a black pebble and a white pebble, each the size of an egg, and each tied in a bag. The sweener washes his hands in water, then in milk, and listens while a section of the law written on a tablet with the blood of a cow slain for the purpose is read to him. When the reading is ended he plunges his hand into the boiling oil and brings out one of the pebbles.

If he has taken out the white pebble without scalding his hand he is believed to be innocent and is released. But if his hand is scalded he's believed to be only partially innocent. If it is the black pebble that he brings up, and if his hand is scalded he is pronounced guilty and pays the penalty for the crime of which he is accused.

FOUNDATION OF ALL SUCCESS

Energy Has Been Well Defined as the Very Central Power of Character in Man.

Energy enables a man to force his way through drudgery and dry details, and carries him onward and upward in every station in life, says Smiles. It accomplishes more than genius. Energy of will may be defined to be the very central power of character in a man—in a word, it is the man himself. True hope is based on it—and it is hope that gives the real perfume to life. No blessing is equal to the possession of a stout heart.

Charles IX of Sweden was a firm believer in the power of will, even in a youth. Laying his hand on the head of his youngest son, when engaged upon a difficult task, he exclaimed, "He shall do it! He shall do it!"

Nothing that is of real worth can be achieved without courageous working. The timid and hesitating find everything impossible, chiefly because it seems so. It is pluck, tenacity and determined perseverance which wins soldiers' battles, and, indeed, every battle.

The reply of the Spartan father who said to his son, when complaining that his sword was too short, "Add a step to it," is applicable to everything in life.

The Panama Canal.

It has been said that water at the Pacific end of the Panama canal is permanently higher than it is in the Caribbean sea at the northern end of the canal. The statement of the canal commission is to the effect that there is no difference between mean sea-level in the Caribbean sea at Colon and mean sea-level in Panama bay on the Pacific side of the Isthmus, but at Colon the tide rises only about nine inches above mean sea-level and falls nine inches below mean sea-level; while at Panama the water at high tide rises to ten feet above sea-level and falls at low tide to ten feet below mean sea-level. The water at Panama at high tide is slightly more than nine feet above elevation of the water at Colon, while at low tide the situation is reversed and the water at Panama is slightly more than nine feet below the level of the water at Colon. One of the reasons for building a locked canal 85 feet above sea-level is that there are sometimes relentless floods created by the Chagres river, which has been known to rise 25½ feet in 24 hours.

In Affection's Garden.

In the garden of our affections there are certain loyal natures that continue faithful through all things; as in the kingdom of vegetation there are certain finely organized and sensitive growths of flower and vine, which are so susceptible to warmth and light, and beauty, that they do nothing all their lives but look at the sun. In the dawn, with a sublime faith, they watch the east for his coming. Turning on their slender stems all day long, they follow him as he makes the circuit of the sky; and at nightfall, after he has sunk from sight, we behold again these flowers, their faces westward now, with the dewdrops shining on their petals, like tears gathered in the eyes of parted friendship.—John McLandburgh.

Inflation as a Defense.

The puffer fish affords a novel example of the way nature sometimes works to protect her creatures. The many different species inhabit all tropical and other warm seas and certain large rivers. Few of them reach a length of more than two feet. The peculiar characteristics common to all of them is their ability to inflate themselves with air or water until they become almost spherical in shape. The air or water that fills the abdomen or the esophageal sac is retained by a valve in the throat, and can be discharged almost instantly.

Cannot Do Without Sleep.

Sleep is a necessity of life no less than food. No man has ever succeeded in keeping awake for more than a few days continuously. If he is forced to do so, as in ancient Chinese tortures, where constant tickling of the feet made sleep impossible, he falls at last into a comatose state from which he never awakes.

Optimistic Thought.

A sovereign feared by many must of necessity fear many.

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